Alex Stephen Donaville
Sunrise – June 14, 1931
Sunset – November 23rd 2019

MEMORIAL SERVICES
Monday, December 9, 2019

Eleven O'Clock
In The Morning

Saint Paschal's
Catholic Church
3700 Dorisa Avenue
Oakland CA 94605

Remembering Alexius Stephen Donaville, fondly known as Alex

Alex was born on June 14, 1931 to the late Charles J. Donaville II and Ida M. St. Aurin Donaville. He was born in Pass Christian, Mississippi where he attended St. Philomena School as well as Randolph High School.

At the age of sixteen the family relocated to Chicago, IL where he completed his education. He attended Aviation vocational school until he was drafted into the Korean War in 1951. Alex was a Veteran and served in the United States Army from November 30, 1951 to November 18, 1953. Alex was employed by the Chicago Transit Authority System from 1953-1958.

In 1958, Alex relocated to Oakland California where he met Dorothy, the love of his life. He was a devoted and loving Father to Reginald (Reggie), Marsha, Honey, Alex Jr. (deceased), and Kevin.

Alex transferred from the Chicago Transit Authority to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (formally known as the Key System). Alex retired from AC Transit in 1985. Alex and Dorothy were Entrepreneurs and had various successful businesses. Alex was an accomplished Carpenter, who enjoyed wood work, remodeling, and specialized in kitchens and baths.

Alex was a member of the Knights of St. Peter Claver; he served as the Grand Knight of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Council No. 137. He was a Meritorious Fourth Degree member of the Knights. He also served as President of the Northern California Inner Councils and Courts for six years.

Brother Donaville was also a chartered member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the St. Paschal's Men's Fourth Day Group. Brother Alex Donaville was a cherished member of "Brother-to-Brother", an African American men community service group engrained through Christian Biblical Ideals every Tuesday where the group had dinner, and Bible study. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps 133:1 Alex was also a member of the East Bay Center for the Blind where is supported his wife unconditionally.

Alex was a devout Catholic and devoted servant for both St. Benedict's Parish and St. Paschal's Parish.

Alex loved entertaining, dancing, having meaningful conversations, boating on the Delta and fishing. Alex was an active and supportive father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a dearly beloved uncle and friend to many. He had a passion for life; he was soft-spoken, a charming and kind loving person. Alex was loved and graciously respected by his extended village family.

Alex was the fourth of seven children, Charles J. Donaville III, Sydney S. Donaville Sr., Theresa R. Donaville-Burns, Beatrice Donaville-Dew, Louis J. Donaville, Sr., and Deloris M. Donaville-Jackson, all preceded him in death.

Alex departed this life unexpectedly on Saturday, November 23rd 2019. Alex leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of fifty-nine years, Dorothy; sons, Reginald (Reggie) (Cathy) and Kevin (Silvia); Daughters, Marsha (Royce) and Honey (Jerome); Grandchildren, Steven (Stevie), Kenny, Randy, Kristopher, Kavina, Mallory, Melissa, Kevin, Matthew, Victoria (Tori) and Carissa; Eight Great-Grandchildren, many nieces/nephews and extended family and friends.

Alex will be greatly missed by his many family members and loved ones.

We Love You and We Miss You

Four Candles

The first candle represents our grief.
The pain of losing you is intense.
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.
This second candle represents our courage.
To confront our sorrow,
To comfort each other,
To change our lives.
This third candle we light in your memory.
For the times we laughed,
The times we cried,
The times we were angry with each other,
The silly things you did,
The caring and joy you gave us.
This fourth candle we light for our love.
We light this candle that your light will always shine.
As we enter this holiday season and share this night of remembrance
with our family and friends.
We cherish the special place in our hearts
that will always be reserved for you.
We thank you for the gift
your living brought to each of us.
We love you.
We remember you.

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In Loving Memory

A Good Husband & Father Understands…

In Memory of Alex Stephen Donaville

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit"
(Psalm 147:5)

Monday, December 9th, 2019

Reverend Paul R. Vassar ~ Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....*Open My Heart*..... *Natha' & Janice Maxie Reid*

Unites States Army Color Guard Honors Presentation

Opening Prayer..... *Reverend Paul R. Vassar*

His Memory..... *Charlotte Haxby*

Psalm 23 Responsal ..... *Janice Maxie Reid*

Scripture Reading.....*Old Testament Isaiah 57:1-2*..... *Jerome Dickey*

Gospel..... *Reverend Paul R. Vassar*

Intercessions ..... *Gregory Trevigne*

Offertory Gifts..... *Kavina Donaville & Kenneth Lee*

Our Father Prayer..... *Saint Paschal's Mens Group Fourth Day*

Communion Song.....*When You Cry* ..... *Natha' & Janice Maxie Reid*

Closing Prayer..... *Reverend Paul R. Vassar*

Commendations.....

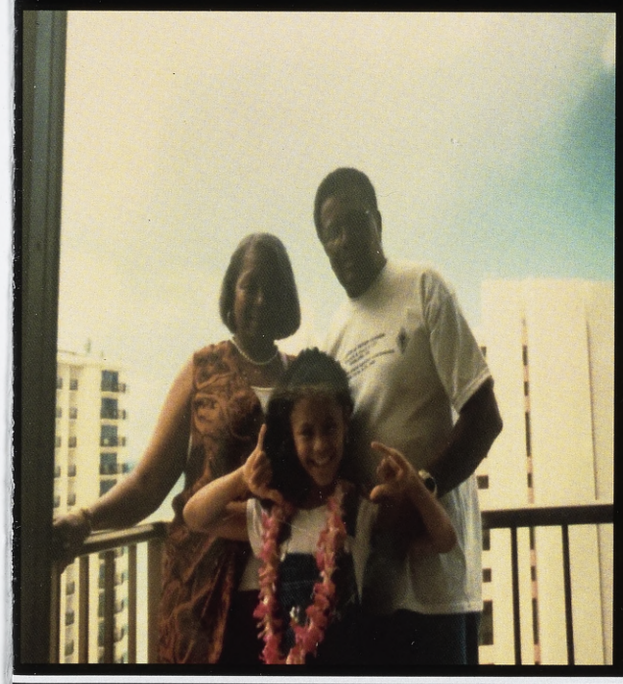
4th Degree Knights of Saint Peter Claver – Resolution .....*Deacon Earl Johson*
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Hayward-Tri-City Alumnae – Resolution.....*Soror Shirley Sexton*
East Bay Center for the Blind - Recognition

Final Blessing..... *Reverend Paul R. Vassar*

Saxophone Solo.....*When The Saints Go Marching In*..... *Rodney J. Byrd*

Repast Immediately following in the Church Hall
Lunch Served
Remarks & Slideshow Presentation

If tears could build a stairway and
memories a lane,
I would walk right to heaven
and bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye"
You were gone before I knew it,
and only Gods knows why.
My heart still aches with sadness,
and secrets tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know.
But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~~
A hollow place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.



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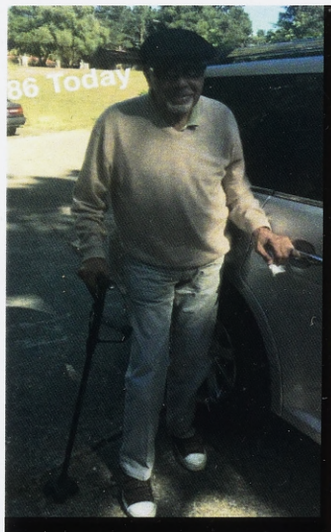
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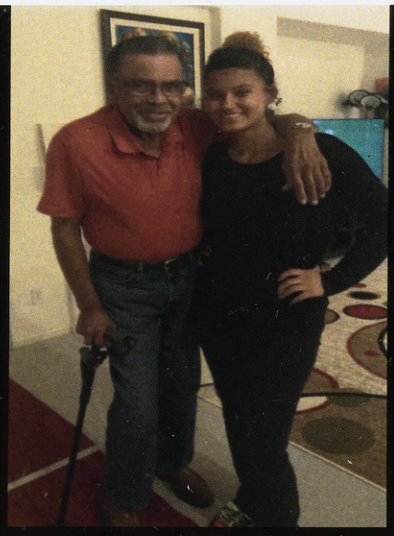

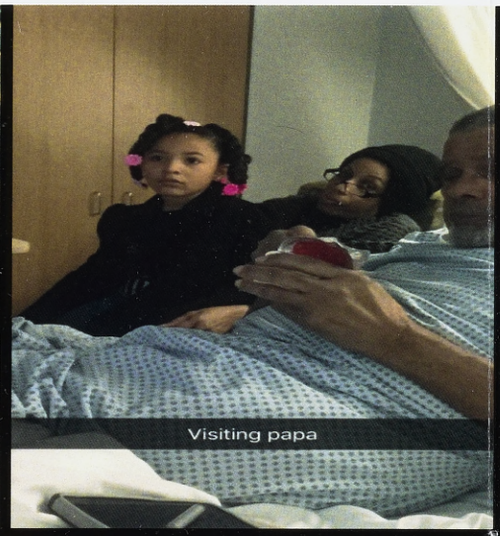
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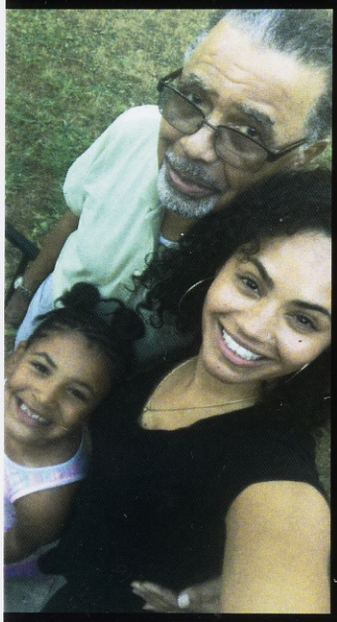

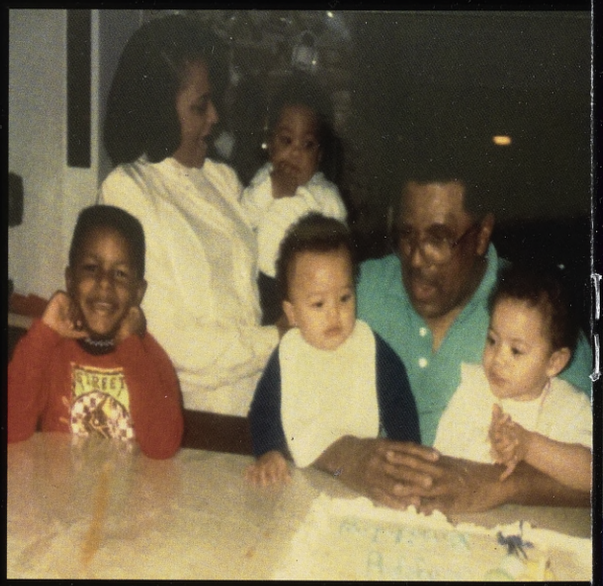

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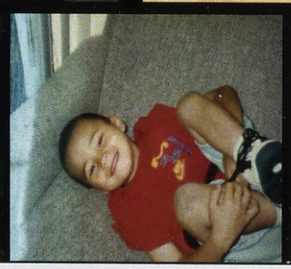

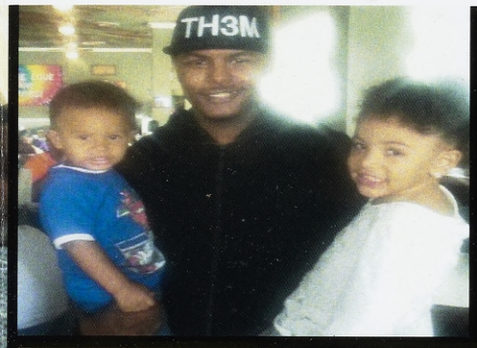
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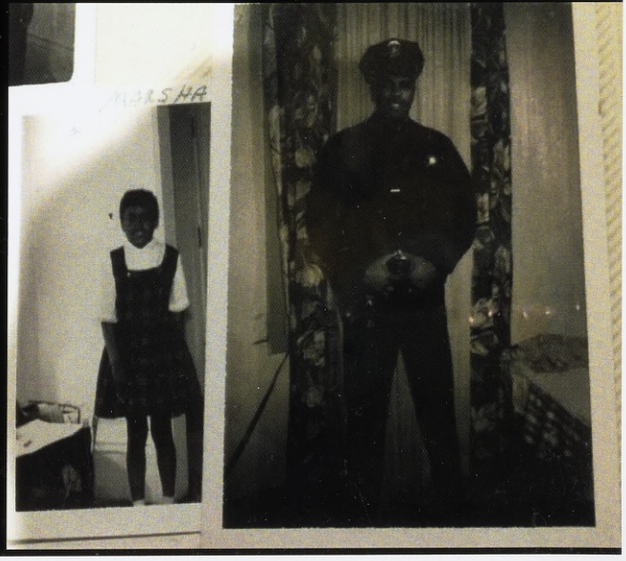

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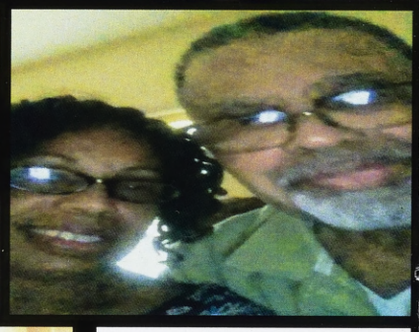

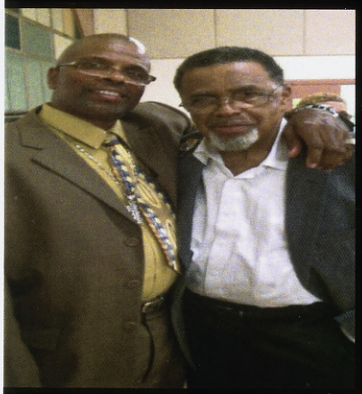

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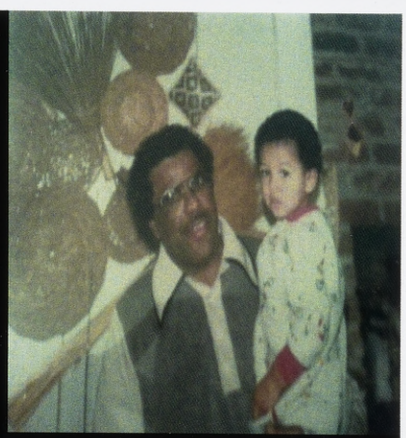

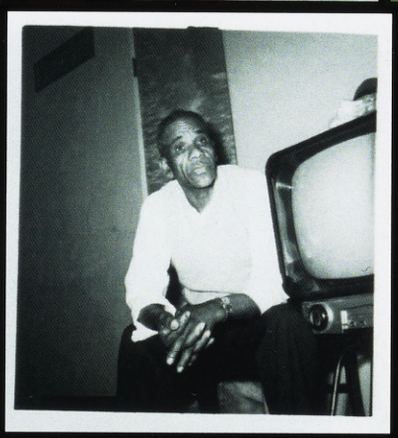

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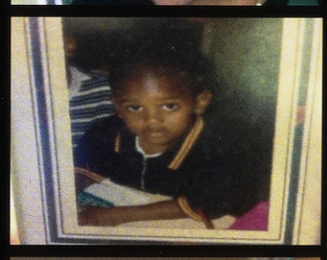
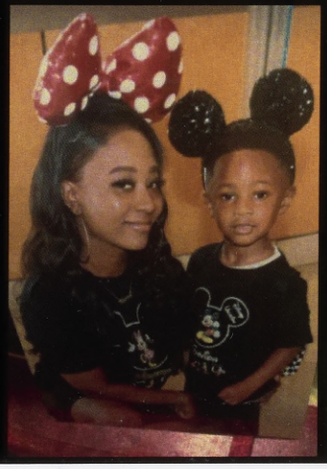

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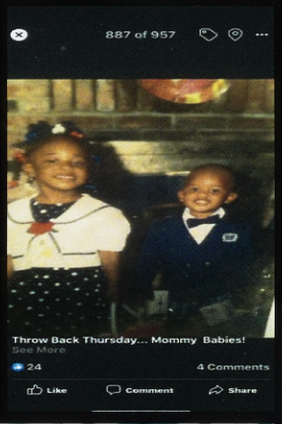
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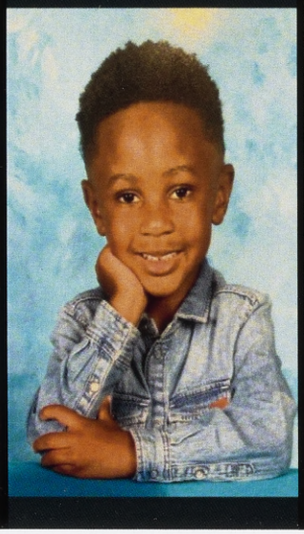

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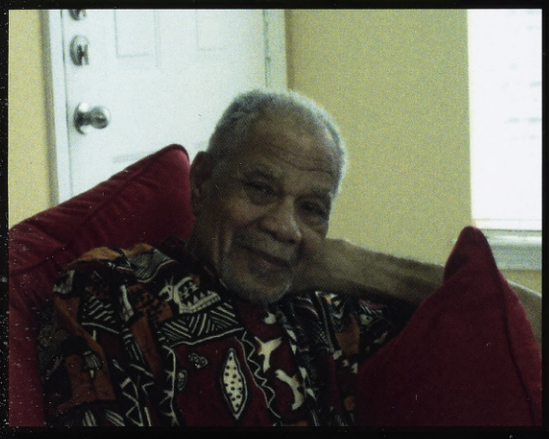

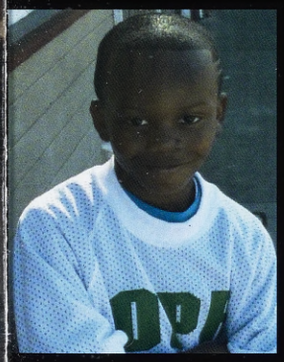

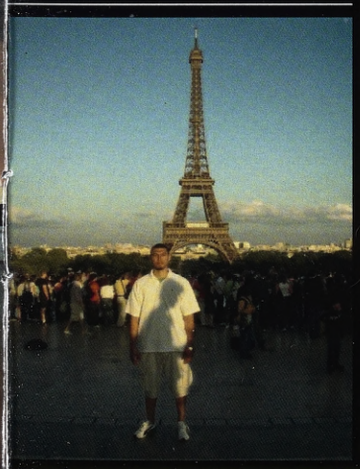

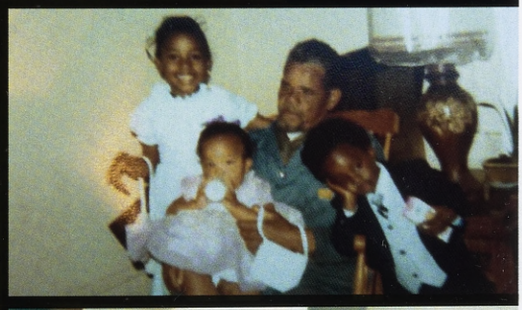

Acknowledgment

Our Family would like to say "Thank you"
The family of Alex S. Donaville is deeply grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support and is strengthened by your prayers, cards phone calls, visits and expressions of encouragement.
May God bless you and may His name be forever praised.

Committal

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Rd, Dixon, CA 95620
11:30 am